

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3894

AN ACT

To require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to issue and disseminate guidance to States to clarify strategies to address social determinants of health under the Medicaid program and the Children's Health Insurance Program, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Collecting and Ana-
5 lyzing Resources Integral and Necessary for Guidance for
6 Social Determinants Act of 2021” or the “CARING for
7 Social Determinants Act of 2021”.

8 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT TO ISSUE GUIDANCE TO CLARIFY**
9 **STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS SOCIAL DETER-**
10 **MINANTS OF HEALTH IN THE MEDICAID PRO-**
11 **GRAM AND THE CHILDREN’S HEALTH INSUR-**
12 **ANCE PROGRAM.**

13 Not later than 3 years after the date of the enact-
14 ment of this Act, and not less frequently than once every
15 3 years thereafter, the Secretary of Health and Human
16 Services shall update the State Health Office letter 21-
17 001, issued on January 7, 2021, to clarify strategies to
18 address social determinants of health under the Medicaid
19 program and the Children’s Health Insurance Program.
20 Such update shall include the following:

21 (1) Guidance to State Medicaid agencies re-
22 garding the strategies that States can implement
23 under authorities in existence as of such update
24 under title XIX of the Social Security Act, title XXI
25 of such Act, or section 1115 of such Act to address

1 social determinants of health in the provision of
2 health care, including strategies specifically tar-
3 geting children receiving medical assistance under a
4 State plan under title XIX of such Act (or a waiver
5 of such plan) or child health assistance under a
6 State child health plan under title XXI of such Act.

7 (2) Guidance on how States can encourage and
8 incentivize managed care entities to address social
9 determinants of health through contracts with such
10 entities.

11 (3) Updated examples from States with respect
12 to how States are addressing social determinants of
13 health in the provision of health care under the Med-
14 icaid program under title XIX of the Social Security
15 Act and the Children’s Health Insurance Program
16 under title XXI of such Act, including through pay-
17 ment models.

Passed the House of Representatives December 8,
2021.

Attest:

Clerk.

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